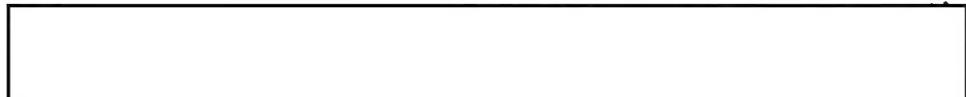


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Introduction

This summary is a report of significant activity observed on photography from 37 high altitude missions flown over Cuba during the period [REDACTED] and updates prior publications covering 1963, 1964, and the semi-annual report for the first half of 1965.

Highlights of activity observed during this period include:

1. SA-2 missile activity
2. Airfield activity
3. Port activity
4. Electronics activity
5. Military activity
6. Other activity

SA-2 Missile Activity

During the 6-month period, 4 SA-2 sites (including 1 possible) were either established or in the process of being constructed. The

Camaguey SAM Site was observed to be abandoned on [REDACTED]

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This raises the total of deployed operational SAM sites in Cuba to 22 with 2 additional sites (1 of which is a possible) remaining under construction (Figure 1).

Prior to this period, 17 of the SA-2 sites were of the unrevetted field type and had been constructed in a short time period (2-7 days). Of the 4 new sites covered in this report, 2 are revetted, 1 is unrevetted, and construction at the fourth has thus far been confined to the support facilities. In addition, Guanabacoa SAM Site was revetted during this 6-month period. The construction or revetting of these sites required from 2 to more than 6 months.

Majana SAM Site 2 (Figure 2). This site, 0.2 nm southwest of Majana SAM Site, was newly identified on [REDACTED]. Due to the close proximity of the main site and

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FIGURE 1. CURRENT SA-2 SITE DEVELOPMENT.

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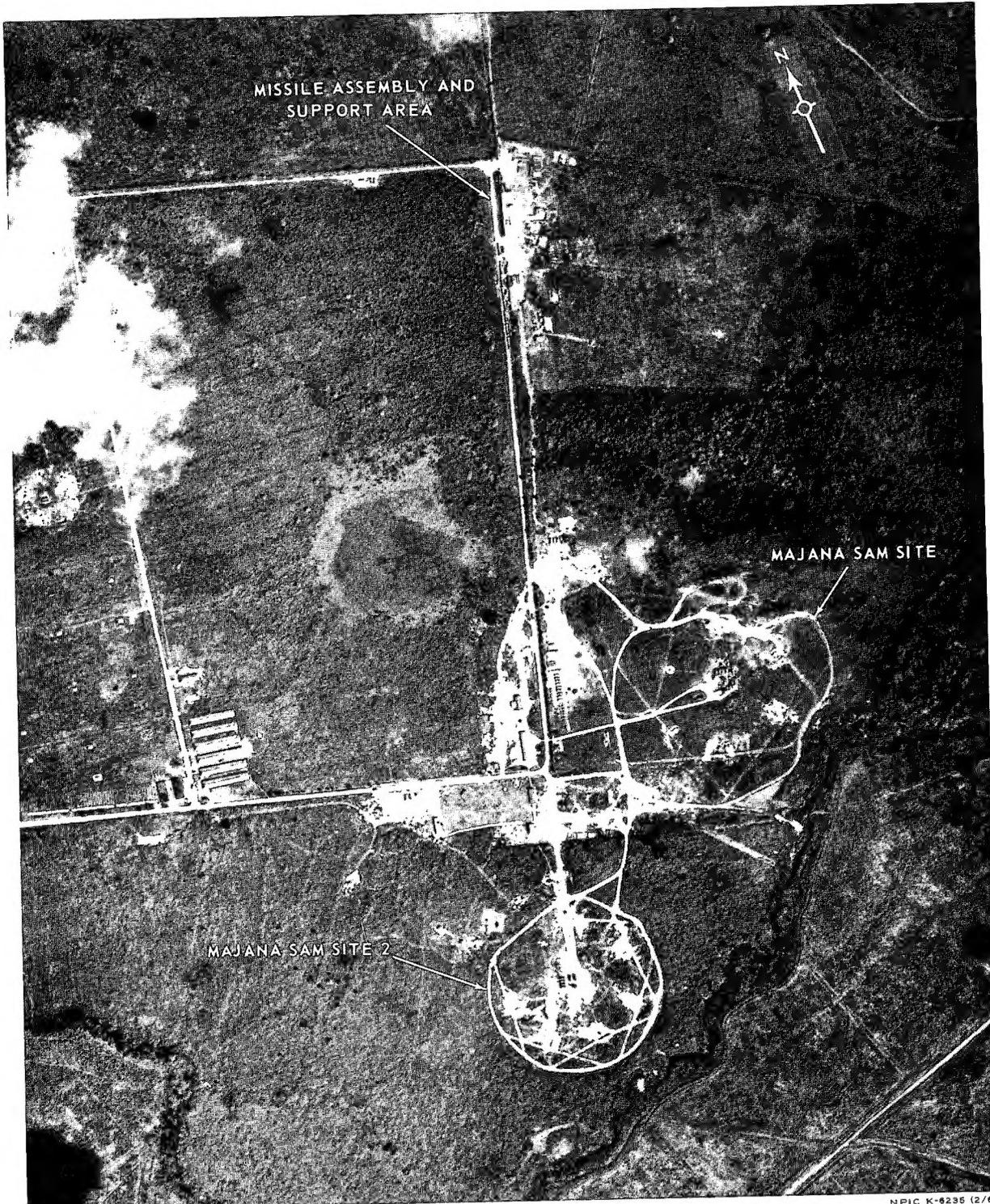


FIGURE 2. MAJANA SAM SITE 2,

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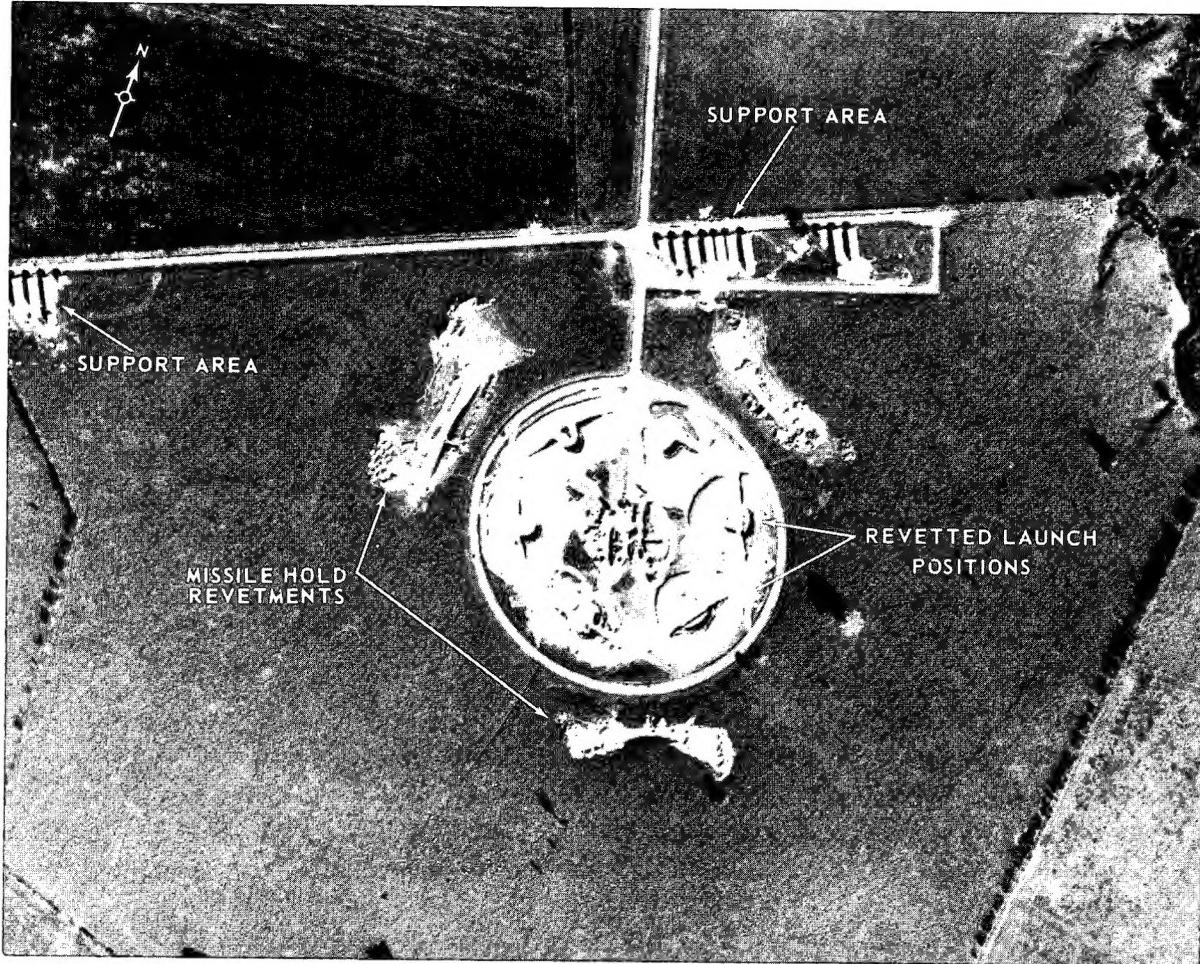
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FIGURE 3. SANTA ISABEL DE LAS LAJAS SAM SITE, [REDACTED]

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the unusual activity at the site, it is probably used as a training site.

Santa Isabel De Las Lajas SAM Site (Figure 3). Small ground scars were visible in the main support area on [REDACTED]. An access road to the support areas was observed on [REDACTED]. In addition, foundations for 1 small and 4 large buildings were noted. Two concentric circles, approximately 750 feet and 125 feet in diameter, were faintly discernible.

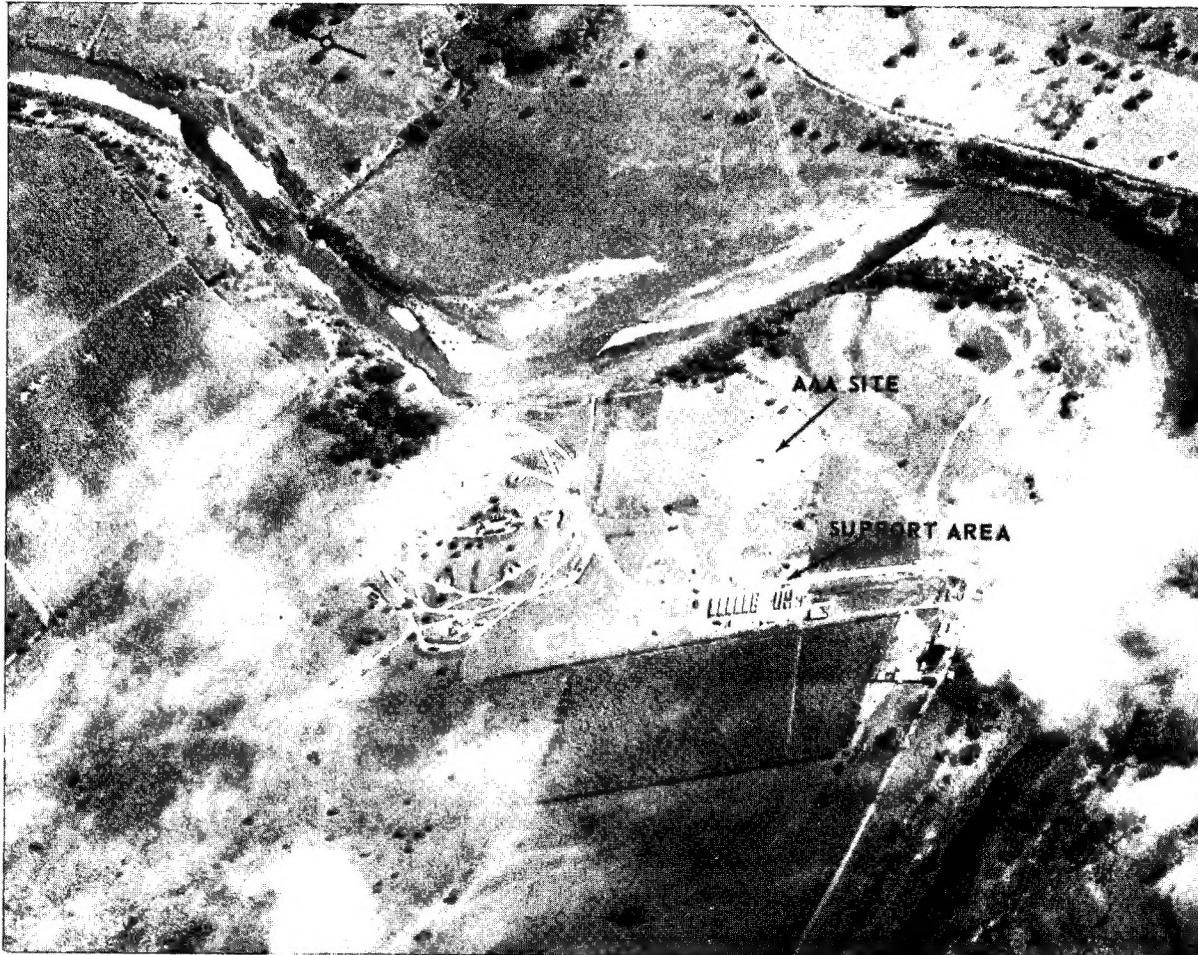
The installation was identified as a probable SA-2 SAM Site under construction on [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Construction continued slowly. On [REDACTED] the site was confirmed to be in mid-stages of construction, consisting of 6 launch revetments (1 in early stages of being revetted), 3 hold revetments in early stages of construction, and an unrevetted central guidance area. The outer ring road was completed and surfaced. The 6 inner service roads were not yet surfaced. Support facilities consisted of 7 probable barracks and 4 large and 6 small support buildings. A few miscellaneous vehicles were observed.

To date, the site is not operational. No

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missile-associated vehicles or pieces of equipment were observed during this reporting period.

Palma Soriano SAM Site (Figure 4). This site was newly identified in mid-to-late stages of construction on [redacted].

The site was unoccupied. However, SA-2 launchers, missile transporters, and associated pieces of equipment were observed in the area.

The site was completed and operational on [redacted]

Constancia SAM Site (Figure 5). This location was initially reported as a possible SA-2 site under construction on [redacted]

[redacted]
5 probable barracks and 2 large and 3 small support buildings were completed, and 2 large and 3 small support buildings were under construction. No missile-associated vehicles or pieces of equipment were observed. To date, the site remains unconfirmed.

Guanabacoa SAM Site. This site was being revetted and was in late stages of construction on [redacted]. The launch positions were being hard surfaced on [redacted] [redacted] and the site was operational. Construction was completed on [redacted].

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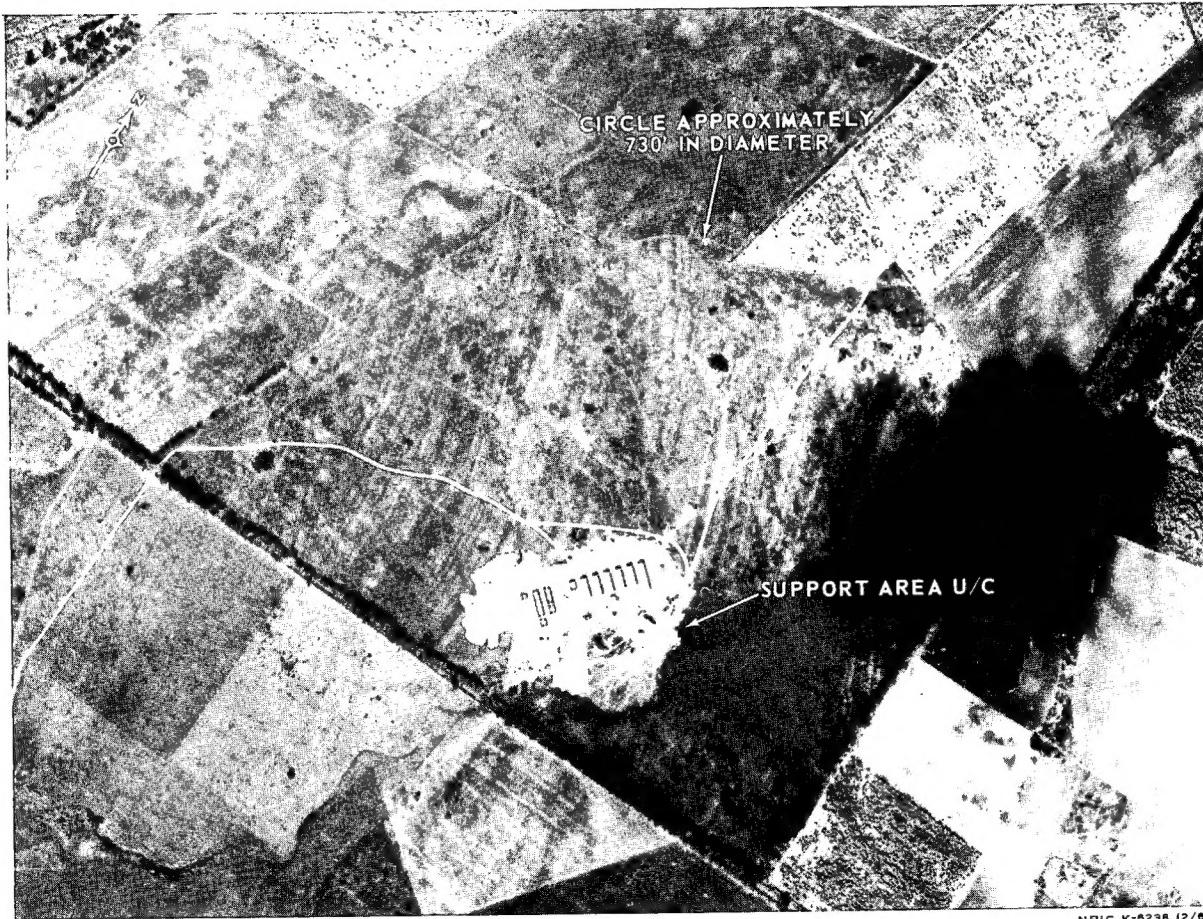


FIGURE 5. CONSTANCIA POSSIBLE SAM SITE UNDER CONSTRUCTION, [REDACTED]

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Mariel SAM Site 2. This site was partially vacated on [REDACTED], but was observed to be fully operational on [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Campo Florida SAM Site. This site was observed to be in initial stages of evacuation on [REDACTED]. All launch positions and the guidance area (except for 2 canvas-covered pieces of equipment) were vacated on [REDACTED].

The site was observed to be re-occupied on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] when 7 canvas-covered missile transporters, 8 tracked prime movers, and 2 cargo trucks were observed.

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Airfield Activity

San Julian Airfield. Construction and grading on this airfield which began on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] was completed in [REDACTED] A 2,000-foot extension was constructed at the western end of the ENE/WSW runway and the surface was paved with asphalt. The total length of the runway is now approximately 9,000 feet.

Coronel Pascual Airfield. Construction of a new parking apron on the south side of the eastern end of the runway and grading along both sides of the runway were observed on [REDACTED] Construction was

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FIGURE 6. GUANAJAY MILITARY CAMP MARTIN MESA

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completed by [redacted]

Port Activity

25X1D On [redacted] 18 tanks/SP guns on lowboy trailers and 29 flatbed tractor-trailer trucks were observed just to the rear of the Mariel City Pier. Additional port activity consisted of 18 probable flatbed tractor-trailer trucks adjacent to the Punta Gobernadora boat slip in Bahia Honda Port.

Electronics Activity

25X1D San Miguel EW-GCI Radar Site. This site was newly identified on [redacted]. It contains 1 probable BAR LOCK and 1 probable ROCK CAKE/STONE CAKE radar (both on mounds), 1 van truck, and 5 van trailers.

Bejucal Field Communications Center. On [redacted]

25X1D [redacted] numerous vehicles/pieces of equipment had been removed from the site and a probable FAN SONG radar, 10 van trailers, and 1 unidentified vehicle remained.

25X1D On [redacted], no vehicles or equipment were observed and the area was abandoned.

Ciego De Avila EW/GCI Radar Site La

25X1D Granja. All vehicles and equipment had been removed and the site was abandoned on [redacted]

Vereda Nueva EW/GCI Radar Site. All

25X1D radar and associated equipment had been removed and the site was abandoned on [redacted]

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Military Activity

25X1D Construction of drive-through, arch-roofed buildings (Figure 6) increased during the latter part of [redacted]. The buildings vary from 100 to 300 feet in length and are approximately 25 feet in width. The entranceways of the buildings measure [redacted]. The buildings are coated with asphalt and earth covered. They were observed in various stages of construction.

25X1D The buildings are located at the following installations (numbers in parentheses indicate

number of arch-roofed, drive-through buildings at each installation):

Anton Recio Military Installation (8)
 Cantel Military Camp (5)
 El Cano SAM Training Area (1)
 Guanajay Military Camp Martin Mesa (5)
 Holguin Military Camp (10)
 Jibacoa Storage Area (7)
 Minas Military Camp, Jesus Maria Finca (6)

Ofelia Military Camp (6)
 Santa Clara Artillery Training Area (8)
 San Diego de Nunez Military Camp (6)
 San Jose de las Lajas Cruise Missile

Storage (19)

Cayo Largo Military Area. Seven tanks/

SP guns were observed on [redacted]

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[redacted] In addition, 35 small craft were observed at the western end of the island.

La Veguita Military Camp. This camp was abandoned on [redacted]

Other Activity

25X1D Fifteen small craft were observed at the Port of Camarioca, reported departure point for Cuban refugees, on [redacted]

25X1D [redacted] In addition, at least 265 small craft were observed at Kawama Marina, 3.9 nm ENE of Camarioca.

25X1D Preparation for the annual Havana Parade was noted on [redacted]. Thirty trucks towing FA pieces and approximately 50 other vehicles (possibly tanks) were observed just north of Cantarrahas. One-hundred-sixteen tanks/SP guns, 30 possible tanks/SP guns, and 9 probable BRDM were observed in parade formation 0.5 nm southwest of Parcelacion Moderna (Figure 7). At this same location, on [redacted]

25X1D [redacted], at least 106 armored vehicles, at least 14 other vehicles, 25 large non-Soviet tents, 2 vehicle sheds, and at least 10 support buildings were observed on poor and partial photo-

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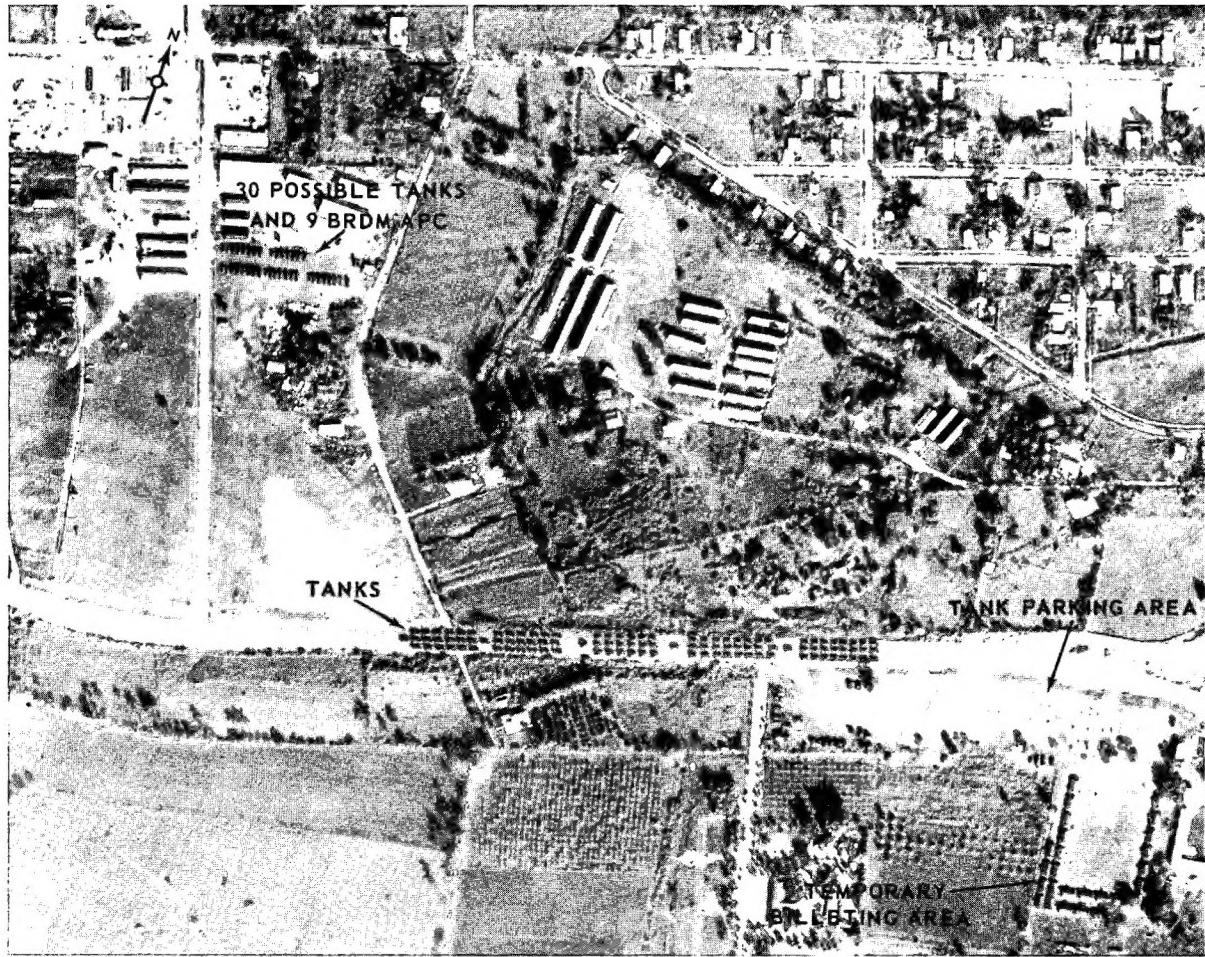


FIGURE 7. PARCELACION MODERNA, [redacted]

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graphic coverage. Also, at this location, on [redacted] 104 tanks/SP guns, 37 probable BTR 60-P, 20 cargo trucks, and 31 other vehicles were observed on clear photographic coverage. In addition, 250 personnel in formation were observed.

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